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SELECT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

Select Board Chair Paul Ciaburri, Select Board Vice-Chair Bradford Morse, and Clerk Adam Murphy are Present. The Select Board's Open Meeting is opened by Chair Paul Ciaburri

Minutes:

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the Open Session Minutes from March 4, 2024 and March 14, 2024. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

People on the Agenda:

Michael Nelson, ORR Superintendent of Public School – Town Meeting Article request – Superintendent Michael Nelson and Assistant Superintendent of Finance Howard Barber are in attendance to talk to the Board about saving a placeholder on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for building needs at ORR. Mr. Nelson explains that a Facilities Condition Assessment was recently completed, and they are putting together a prioritized plan of projects to be completed at the school to update safety and facility needs.

Personnel Board: Update on Proposed Classification and Compensation Plan – Personnel Board Chair Kristine Nash is present to discuss the newly revised compensation plans which cover new and existing employees; she estimates that with this new adjustment to the plan it will be an overall increase of approximately \$19,000 for the year and is spread across twenty-one by-law employees throughout multiple town buildings.

Select Board Signature:

Referral of Zoning Articles to Planning Board –

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to refer zoning by-law change articles, historic soil disturbance, agricultural residential section d (6)(a,) agricultural residential section (d)(1,) ground mounted solar, installation overlay district section (22,) and battery storage article to the Planning Board for their consideration for Town Meeting. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Road Usage Request: Annual Tour de Crème Bike Race – The annual Tour de Crème race is requesting use of Town Roads on May 19, 2024. Police, Fire, and Highway have already signed off in support of the event.

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to approve the road usage event for the Tour de Crème on Sunday, May 19, 2024. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Proposed Transfer Station DEP Permit Application –

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse for the chair to sign the application for the proposed Transfer Station DEP Permit Application. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

SEMASS PILOT Payment: January 2024 – Town Administrator Cannon advises the Board that the January PILOT payment from SEMASS was in the sum of \$409,726.

SEMASS PILOT Payment: February 2024 – Town Administrator Cannon advises the Board that the January PILOT payment from SEMASS was in the sum of \$359,010.

Letter of Resignation: Dale Barrows, Board of Health – The Board acknowledges the letter from Dale Barrows and thanks him for his years of service to the Town.

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the letter of resignation and send a letter of thanks to his service to the Town. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Council on Aging – Reappointments of COA Directors – Town Administrator Cannon advises the Board that he has received correspondence from Council on Aging director Eric Poulin to remind the Board that three members are up for reappointment in April: Marjorie Barrows, Patricia Joy and Susan Norton.

Old Colony District School Committee reappointment - Shirley Bourque – Town Administrator Cannon lets the Board know that Shirley Bourque would like to be reappointed to the Old Colony School Committee.

Town Administrators Report:

- Town Administrator Cannon advises the Board that a grant was submitted to FEMA for the fire truck.
- Next, Town Administrator Cannon lets the Board know that the Salt Shed Request for Proposal is listed on the website with a due date of April 9, 2024.
- Town Administrator Cannon then states that there is information on the website for any resident that is looking to acquire a rain barrel.
- Town Administrator Cannon advises the Board that chapter 90 funding was received in the sum of \$308,386.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Cannon lets the Board know that the next meeting is set to be held on April 1, 2024.

Old Business:

Payroll and/or Vendor Warrant Approvals - Select Board Member Ciaburri notes all payroll and vendor warrants will be signed on March 19, 2024.

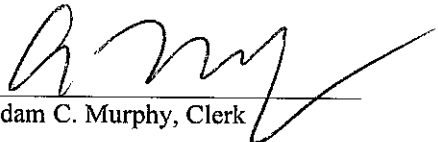
New Business:

Chief Small Retirement Letter – The Board acknowledges the letter of retirement from Police Chief Robert Small and thanks him for his years of service to the Town.

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the letter of retirement from Chief Robert Small dated March 11, 2024 with an effective date of June 28, 2024. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Adjournment:

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with G.L.c.30A 21(a)(2) and G.L.c.30A 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, not to return back into Open Session at the conclusion. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor and the Executive Session meeting is opened. Roll Call Vote Ciaburri – Aye, Morse – Aye, Murphy - Aye 3:0 motion passes.


Adam C. Murphy, Clerk